

# WASHINGTON STATE

## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

### MONTHLY REPORT

#### August 2005

CATEGORY	AUG 2005	AUG 2004	YTD 05	YTD 04
CSEPP INCIDENTS	11	2	56	30
DOE INCIDENTS	2	1	5	7
FIRE	58	53	221	286
HAZMAT	180	202	1405	1299
OTHER	21	34	224	191
911 OUTAGES	1	1	29	19
SAR	67	71	402	402
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	10	8	48	50
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	2	1
TOTAL	350	372	2392	2285

#### LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On August 5 at 0600 hrs state fire assistance ended for the Dirty Face Fire which started on July 30, 2005. As of that time, the fire has burned approximately 965 acres. The Washington State Patrol's Fire Protection Bureau coordinated the dispatch of firefighters and equipment from Grant, Cowlitz, Snohomish, San Juan, Skagit, Pierce, Kitsap, Mason, and King Counties. The fire was

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turned over to the local fire district and the Phase II Enhanced Operations for the Dirty Face Fire ended effective 0600 hours.

- On August 5, the "School Fire" was reported burning near Wooten state park in Columbia County 15 miles east of Dayton. State fire mobilization was requested and approved at 1845 hours on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The fire spread from Columbia County into Garfield County growing to over 15,000 acres by the evening of the August 6<sup>th</sup> and requiring activation of the state EOC. 150 homes were evacuated with another 20 threatened as the fire continued to burn. The fire was demobilized on August 15<sup>th</sup> as the fire was 75% contained at 49,000 acres.
- On August 6, the Umatilla Chemical Depot notified EMD of an employee complaining of chest pain. The employee was transported to hospital for evaluation.
- On August 7, the National Weather Service Pendleton issued a Red Flag Warning for Asotin, Garfield, Columbia and Walla Walla Counties due to anticipated thunderstorm active with dry lighting. The Red Flag Warning was allowed to expire on August 9<sup>th</sup> after starting numerous fires in Eastern Washington.
- On August 9, Hanford Department of Energy declared an Abnormal Event for a grass fire adjacent to DOE property. The fire did not threaten any DOE facilities and was extinguished.
- On August 9, the Umatilla Chemical Depot reported the commercial telephone repeater lines had been damaged due to a grass fire. The lines were fully restored later in the day.
- On August 10, a Fire Mobilization Request was made from Lincoln County for the 1000 acre Harker Canyon Fire burning Northeast of Davenport. The mobilization request was approved at 1720 hours the same day. Demobilization for the Harker Canyon Fire occurred at 1800 hours on August 15, 2005. No homes were lost in this blaze which consumed 1,566 acres.

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- On August 11, the Umatilla Chemical Depot notified EMD of an employee complaining of chest pain. The employee was transported to hospital for evaluation.
- On August 12, State Emergency Operations Officers coordinated 3 German Shepherd Search Dog (GSSD) teams for a cadaver search in Thurston County beginning at 06:00 hrs. The search was terminated at 17:00 hrs the next day when the dog teams were successful in finding the cadaver.
- On August 13, a 64 year-old male was reported missing on a fishing trip along the Diosb Creek near Marble Mount in Skagit County. A search was initiated for the man and about 7 hours later he was found stranded on a cliff with no way for him to get off the ledge. Skagit County requested a helicopter to rescue him from the ledge and the helicopter was immediately secured from Snohomish County. The stranded fisherman was quickly pulled off the ledge about an hour later using the Snohomish County helicopter.
- On August 15, the Umatilla Chemical Depot notified EMD of an employee that had been stung several times by insects. The employee was transported to hospital for evaluation.
- On August 15, the Umatilla Chemical Depot notified EMD of 4 individuals detained at the main gate who appeared to be under the influence of an intoxicant. Oregon State Police responded and took custody of the subjects.
- On August 15, the Umatilla Chemical Depot declared a Non-Surety Event for a rocket fire in ECR-A. The fire was extinguished and there was no release.
- On August 15, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office issued an Amber Alert for a 2 year-old Hispanic male in Lake Stevens, WA. The state issued an Amber Alert EAS message and the 2 year-old boy was recovered unharmed when the abductor dropped him off and departed. The child was safely returned to his mother unharmed and the Amber Alert was terminated. Law enforcement officials continued to search for the man who abducted the child.
- On August 18, Whitman County requested fire mobe support for a motorcycle rally in the town of Rosalia. 10,000+ bikers with their motorcycles were anticipated to converge on the town between the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. WSP activated their fire mobe resources to the town in order to provide the appropriate

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resources necessary for this type of event. The mobilization was terminated at 1200 hours on August 21 without major incident.

- On August 18, the Umatilla Chemical Depot declared a Non-Surety Event for a routine leaker in Igloo K1873. There was no release and the Igloo was filtered and monitored.
- On August 19, Jefferson County reported a 911 outage affecting 28,000 to 40,000 residents due to a computer "worm" virus. The computer system had to be rebuilt in order to restore service.
- On August 19, the Umatilla Chemical Depot declared a Non-Surety Event for a routine leaker in Igloo K1873. There was no release and the Igloo was filtered and monitored.
- On August 21, the Umatilla Chemical Depot notified EMD of a person at the main gate who had been burned when he opened the radiator cap to his over-heated vehicle. The subject was transported to hospital for evaluation.
- On August 23, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Walla Walla, Columbia, Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat and Yakima Counties. Winds 15 to 20 miles per hour with relative humidity of 15 to 20 percent expected. The Red Flag Warning expired at 2100 hours without incident.
- On August 23, the Skamania County Sheriff's Office opened a search for a missing 49 year-old female huckleberry picker on forest service road #6048 near Red Mountain. After she was not found during the initial 6-hour search up the trail and back the sheriff's office requested 30 ground searchers to assist in the SAR. The missing hiker was located, cold, tired and hungry around 10:00 a.m. the following morning closing the search effort.
- On August 24, the Department of Energy (DOE) at Hanford declared an "Alert" level emergency for a "breached" storage container that spilled brown absorbent material, possibly radioactive, into a trench on the reservation. The Washington State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) immediately activated to Phase III in response to the situation. After an assessment of the spilled material by DOE personnel it was determined no radiological release had occurred and operations on the Hanford reservation and the state EOC reverted back to normal.

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- On August 25, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania Counties. The Red Flag Warning was allowed to expire without incident later the same day.
  - On August 25, the Umatilla Chemical Depot notified EMD that the weather program transmitting data would be off-line for 15 minutes. Critical data was still being transmitted and the weather program was fully restored within 15 minutes.
  - On August 26, the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning for Klickitat County. The Red Flag Warning expired without incident latter the same day without incident.
  - On August 27, Mason County commenced a search for a missing 13 year-old boy who failed to return to his family campsite after dinner the previous day. Additional ground searchers, dog teams and horse mounted teams from Pierce County were called to assist. The boy was located in good condition and transported out of the area. County SAR resources were turned around later that morning when the boy was found safe.
  - On August 30, a 44 year-old male was reported missing in the Marble Mount area of Skagit County. Local county sheriff's personnel began the search with State Emergency Management coordinating German Shepard Search Dogs (GSSD) to assist. The missing person was found in the early morning hours of the next day and was "packed out" to safety.
  - On August 31, the Umatilla Chemical Depot declared a Non-Surety Event for a routine leaker in Igloo K1873. There was no release and the Igloo was filtered and monitored.
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- For the month of August 2005 the SEOO's:
    - Issued 22 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
    - Issued 3 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
    - Conducted 992 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies

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- Coordinated 18 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
- Participated in 42 exercises of which 31 were vessel spill drills
- Made 1558 and answered 1829 telephone calls
- Conducted 1952 National Warning System Tests, conducted 282 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
- Conducted 59 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted 7 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)
- Conducted 43 down wind trajectory connectivity communications tests with the Umatilla Military Storage Depot (D2PUFF)